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1. **Middle school math teachers: NJPEP PD Online** is offering **free PBS TeacherLine courses** for (for 15 professional development hours – PDH - each) **starting March 28, 2007**. Email pdonline@doe.state.nj.us if you would like to take one of these courses.

- * **Rational Numbers, Fractions, Decimals, and Percents** in Grades 6-8, course #246;
- * **Proportional Reasoning** in Grades 6-8, course #171; and
- * **Spatial Reasoning** in Grades 5-8, course #266

Check <http://njpep.org/pd/onlinePD/index.html> regularly to find registration information for April courses:

- * **Fluency (K-3)** [15 PDH]
- * **The Read Aloud (K-3)** [15 PDH]
- * **Comprehension (K-3)** [15 PDH]
- * **Online Facilitation** [30 PDH]
- * **ELL in the Mainstream** [15 PDH]

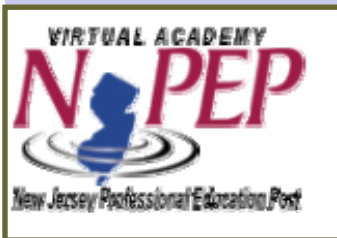
NOTE: all **NJPEP_PDonline** courses are free (until July 1, 2007).

2. **FREE ITEMS:**

- Video-on-demand, courses and resources for teachers from Annenberg Media. <http://www.learner.org/>
- **DVD to help build critical thinking skills**, from John Stossel at the Center for Independent Thought and ABC News, with related teacher guides. <http://www.learner.org/stosselintheclassroom.org/>
- The **Federal Resources for Education Excellence (FREE)**. <http://www.free.ed.gov/>

Professional Development

1. **Early Childcare Conference** at Raritan Valley Community College, **March 31, 2007**. Call (908) 526-1200 ext. 8235 or 8377, or email cce@raritanval.edu.
2. **Outstanding Special Education Teacher Award** for full-time, certified or licensed, special education teachers with 3 or more years' teaching experience, by the National Association of Special Education Teachers Outstanding Special Education Teacher Award **Deadline: May 1, 2007**. <http://www.naset.org/specialeducationteac.0.html>
3. **Gifted and Talented Conference. Meeting the Diverse Needs**, March 15, 2007. Registration deadline: **February 17, 2007**. Call 856-273-7530. <http://www.njagc.org/>
4. **Novice Teacher Induction Seminars** at PSE&G at Edison, NJ, by Rowan University's Beginning Teacher Induction Center. Call 856-256-4730. Cost \$90 for each day.
 - **Differentiated Instruction** - April 25, 2007. Registration Deadline: April 13, 2007
 - **Stress and Classroom Management** – Elementary and Secondary Strands. April 26, 2007 Registration: April 13, 2007.
5. **Enhancing Nursing Knowledge Conference. Saturday**, at Raritan Valley Community College, **May 5, 2007**. Cost = \$95. To register call 908-526-1200 Ext 8471.
6. A full list of **Grant and Funding Information**, from the Public Education Network. http://www.publiceducation.org/newsblast_grants.asp
7. **Eisenhower Academy-** The Academy presents an in-depth perspective of Dwight D. Eisenhower as president and world leader, and introduces effective strategies for teaching the Cold War era in the classroom. Total cost, including field trips, special evening events, banquets, lodging and all meals is \$650 for single occupancy. Cost for day students is \$360.
 - **Dates: July 8 - 13, 2007**
 - **Location:** Gettysburg College and Eisenhower National Historic Site in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania
 - **For more information** contact Eisenhower Academy at: 717-338-9114 Ext. 10



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New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards Web site:
<http://www.nj.gov/njed/aps/cccs/>

Contact Information for Core Curriculum Content Standards:
<http://www.nj.gov/njed/aps/contact.htm>

Professional Standards Web site:
<http://www.nj.gov/njed/profdev/>

Contact Information for Professional Standards:
<http://www.nj.gov/njed/profdev/contact.shtml>

Evaluation and Assessment Web site:
<http://www.nj.gov/njed/assessment/>

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Selected Classroom Resources

1. Check out National **Geographic Education** for K-12 geography resources, lesson plans and activities.
<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/education/>
2. **New York Times Learning Network:** An online current and special events news site with lesson plans and more for grades 3-12; updated weekdays during the school year.
<http://www.nytimes.com/learning/>
3. **Read*Write*Think** provides K-12 language arts literacy lesson plans and activity calendars filled with online resources for each month.
<http://www.readwritethink.org/>
4. **The Kennedy Center ArtsEdge:** Arts-integrated resources for K-12 classrooms that include lessons and web links.
<http://artsedge.kennedy-center.org/teach/>
5. **Illuminations:** A site from the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics with a wealth of lessons and activities for grades K-12.
<http://illuminations.nctm.org/>
6. **KidsHealth:** This site has separate areas for kids, teens, and parents — each with its own design, age-appropriate content, and tone. The articles, animations, games, and resources have been developed by experts in the health of children and teens.
<http://www.kidshealth.org/>
7. **Weather Activities** from the Franklin Institute for grades K-12.
<http://www.fi.edu/weather/activity.html>
8. **Weather Scope: An Investigative Study of Weather and Climate-** This unit is recommended for upper elementary, middle school and high school students (ages 11-18). Create a weather station, track the weather, and more.
<http://www.k12science.org/curriculum/weatherproj2/en/activities.shtml>
9. **Exploratorium:** Online science exhibits, activities and more from the Exploratorium Museum in San Francisco. **Check out these sites:**
 - **Ancient Observatories: Chaco Canyon**
<http://www.exploratorium.edu/chaco/index.html>
 - **Total Solar Eclipse from Turkey**
<http://www.exploratorium.edu/eclipse/2006/index.html>
 - **Tools for Teaching**
<http://www.exploratorium.edu/educate/index.html>

Parents and Students

1. **Career and Technical Education Essay Contest.** Topic: "How will what you learned in CTE help the American economy in five years?" Maximum Award: \$250. **Deadline: March 30, 2007.**
<http://www.acteonline.org/about/awards/CWMEC/index.cfm>
2. **Red, White, and Green Climate Change Grants** to design a service-learning project that promotes awareness about climate change and possible solutions. Maximum Award: \$500. Eligibility: youth between the ages of 15-25 or to organizations that serve youth ages 15-25. **Deadline: March 9, 2007.** <http://www.ysa.org/awards/>
3. **Weather Wizards:** Build a weather station at home.
http://familyfun.go.com/parenting/learn/activities/feature/famf199606_famf66weath/famf199606_famf66weath.html
4. **Charcoal Crystal Garden:** With parental supervision, children using this classic science project can create crystals.
<http://www.bizarrelabs.com/charcrys.htm>
5. **National Gallery of Art's NGA Kids:** Interactive online art activities for children.
<http://www.nga.gov/kids/>
6. **Home Activity Center:** Activities for students elementary through high school covering various content areas.
<http://www.eduplace.com/hac/>
7. **Planning to take advantage of activities in New Jersey?** Go to <http://www.nj.gov/travel/index.html> and check out activities for this month, and next month — and even how to get there and where to stay.